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**CALIFORNIA MAN WHO LED POLICE ON CHASE
SENTENCED FOR FALSE IDENTIFICATIONS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that TIMOTHY T. PELASKY, 45, Anaheim, California, was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to possessing false driver's licenses and a device to make false identification documents. This case was the result of a investigation by the Marion County Sheriff's Department and the United States Secret Service.

Pelasky was arrested on April 11, 2004, after he clipped the driver's side mirror while driving in Indianapolis. After law enforcement attempted to contact Pelasky in his parked vehicle, Pelasky fled from law enforcement approximately 11 miles driving high rates of speed

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in Northeast and North Indianapolis. A Marion County canine had to pull Pelasky from his vehicle. Pelasky's vehicle contained 13 fictitious driver's licenses purportedly from Florida and South Carolina all showing the identical picture of Pelasky. A laptop containing templates for driver's licenses and database information for numerous individuals was also recovered. Pelasky used the driver's licenses and fictitious checks he made in the same names to purchases goods from numerous stores in several states. Pelasky had no connection to Indiana.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed 3 years supervised release following PELASKY's imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, PELASKY must undergo drug testing. PELASKY was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$14,476 to the stores in which he passed the bad checks.

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